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ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:190907 USPATFULL

TITLE: Cross-copolymerized olefin/aromatic vinyl

compound/diene copolymer and process for its production

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INVENTOR(S): Arai, Toru, Machida-shi, JAPAN

Otsu, Toshiaki, Machida-shi, JAPAN Nakajima, Masataka, Machida-shi, JAPAN

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Denki Kagaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha, Tokyo, JAPAN

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility
FILE SEGMENT: APPLICATION

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: OBLON, SPIVAK, MCCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C., 1940

DUKE STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA, 22314

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 23 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 10 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 2661

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB A highly uniform vinyl compound polymer-cross-copolymerized

olefin/styrene/diene copolymer excellent in processability, mechanical properties, high temperature properties, compatibility and transparency, and its composition and a process for its production, are provided. This copolymer is a crossed polymer obtained by cross-copolymerizing an olefin/styrene/diene copolymer having a styrene content of from 0.03 mol % to 96 mol %, a diene content of from 0.0001 mol % to 3 mol % and the rest being an olefin, with an olefin/aromatic vinyl compound copolymer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 2 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:134051 USPATFULL

TITLE: Process for producing olefin/aromatic vinyl compound

copolymer

INVENTOR(S): Arai, Toru, Tokyo, JAPAN

> Otsu, Toshiaki, Tokyo, JAPAN Nakajima, Masataka, Tokyo, JAPAN

NUMBER KIND DATE US 2004102588 A1 20040527 US 2003-477548 A1 20031113 (10) WO 2002-JP4711 20020515

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PRIORITY INFORMATION: JP 2001-144266 20010515

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LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: OBLON, SPIVAK, MCCLELLAND, MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C., 1940

DUKE STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA, 22314

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 21 EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

PATENT INFORMATION: APPLICATION INFO.:

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 4 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 1381

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

It is to provide a process for producing an olefin/aromatic vinyl compound copolymer which is excellent in transparency and which satisfies flexibility and heat resistance simultaneously, with a practically high productivity.

A process for producing an olefin/aromatic vinyl compound copolymer, which comprises carrying out polymerization in such a manner that at least one of conditions (a) the polymerization is carried out to an aromatic vinyl compound monomer conversion ratio of at least 50 mol % when the polymerization is completed, and (b) the polymer concentration is at least 10 mass % relative to the polymerization solution when the polymerization is completed, is satisfied, and the olefin partial pressure is changed so that the olefin partial pressure when the polymerization is completed is from 1.3 to 20 times the olefin partial pressure at the initiation of the polymerization. An olefin/aromatic vinyl compound copolymer obtained by the process, and an olefin/aromatic vinyl compound copolymer excellent in transparency, heat resistance and moldability.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 3 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:319460 USPATFULL

TITLE: Articles prepared from hydrogenated block copolymers INVENTOR(S):

Handlin, Dale Lee, JR., Houston, TX, UNITED STATES Willis, Carl Lesley, Houston, TX, UNITED STATES

Groot, Hendrik de, Ottignies Louvain-La Neuve, BELGIUM Clawson, Margaret Ann Burns, Houston, TX, UNITED STATES

Joly, Gert, Ottignies Louvain-La Neuve, BELGIUM Maris, Catherine, Ottignies Louvain-La Neuve, BELGIUM Djiauw, Lie, Houston, TX, UNITED STATES

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility APPLICATION FILE SEGMENT:

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: KRATON POLYMERS U.S. LLC, WESTHOLLOW TECHNOLOGY CENTER,

3333 HIGHWAY 6 SOUTH, HOUSTON, TX, 77082

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: EXEMPLARY CLAIM: LINE COUNT: 1233

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

The present invention relates to articles prepared from novel anionic block copolymers of mono alkenyl arenes and conjugated dienes, and to blends of such block copolymers with other polymers. The block copolymers are selectively hydrogenated and have mono alkenyl arene end blocks and conjugated diene mid blocks. The block copolymer may be blended with at least one other polymer selected from the group consisting of olefin polymers, styrene polymers, amorphous resins and engineering thermoplastic resins.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 4 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:208057 USPATFULL

TITLE: Compositions comprising hydrogenated block copolymers

and end-use applications thereof

Donald, Robert J., Midland, MI, UNITED STATES INVENTOR(S): Hahn, Stephen F., Midland, MI, UNITED STATES

Pate, James E., III, Sanford, MI, UNITED STATES

NUMBER KIND DATE -----US 2003144418 A1 20030731 US 2002-304146 A1 20021125 (10)

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LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

SECTION, P. O. BOX 1967, MIDLAND, MI, 48641-1967

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

3 Drawing Page(s) NUMBER OF DRAWINGS:

LINE COUNT: 2382

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

Flexible hydrogenated block copolymers can be successfully used in a variety of applications including films, profiles, sheets, coatings, injection molded articles, blow or rotational molded articles and pultruded articles.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L4ANSWER 5 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

2003:137123 USPATFULL ACCESSION NUMBER:

Cross-copolymerized olefin/aromatic vinyl/diene TITLE:

copolymer and process for producing the same

INVENTOR(S): Arai, Toru, Machida, JAPAN

Nakajima, Masataka, Machida, JAPAN Otsu, Toshiaki, Machida, JAPAN

Denki Kagaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha, Tokyo, JAPAN PATENT ASSIGNEE(S):

(non-U.S. corporation)

NUMBER KIND DATE US 6566453 B1 20030520 WO 2001019881 20010322 US 2001-831358 20010514 (9) WO 2000-JP6284 20000913 PATENT INFORMATION: APPLICATION INFO.:

NUMBER DATE

PRIORITY INFORMATION: JP 1999-258618 19990913 JP 2000-184053 20000620

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility

FILE SEGMENT: GRANTED

PRIMARY EXAMINER: Seidleck, James J.

ASSISTANT EXAMINER: Asinovsky, Olga

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, P.C.

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 78

EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 9 Drawing Figure(s); 8 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 2129

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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

A highly uniform vinyl compound polymer-cross-copolymerized olefin/styrene/diene copolymer excellent in processability, mechanical properties, high temperature properties, compatibility and transparency, and its composition and a process for its production, are provided. This copolymer is a crossed polymer obtained by cross-copolymerizing an olefin/styrene/diene copolymer having a styrene content of from 0.03 mol % to 96 mol %, a diene content of from 0.0001 mol % to 3 mol % and the

rest being an olefin, with an olefin/aromatic vinyl compound copolymer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 6 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:123386 USPATFULL

TITLE: Cross-copolymerized olefin/styrene/diene copolymer,

process for the production of the same and uses thereof

Arai, Toru, Tokyo, JAPAN INVENTOR (S):

Nakajima, Masataka, Tokyo, JAPAN Otsu, Toshiaki, Tokyo, JAPAN

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Denki Kagaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha, Tokyo, JAPAN

(non-U.S. corporation)

NUMBER KIND DATE -----PATENT INFORMATION: US 6559234 B1 20030506 WO 2000037517 20000629 APPLICATION INFO.: US 2001-831380 20010517 (9) WO 1999-JP7239 19991222

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility FILE SEGMENT: GRANTED

Seidleck, James J. PRIMARY EXAMINER: ASSISTANT EXAMINER: Asinovsky, Olga

Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, P.C. LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE:

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

12 Drawing Figure(s); 11 Drawing Page(s) NUMBER OF DRAWINGS:

LINE COUNT: 4150

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

The present invention firstly provides a novel olefin/styrene/diene type cross-copolymer having excellent physical properties and mechanical properties, and a novel, efficient and economically excellent process for its production. Further, it provides an efficient and economically excellent process for producing various cross-copolymers such as an olefin/diene type cross-copolymer.

The present invention secondly provides various resin compositions or processed products containing cross-copolymers, having problems of various conventional resin compositions or processed products solved and improved, as applications of cross-copolymers of the present invention.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 7 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:288259 USPATFULL

TITLE: Cross-copolymerized olefin/aromatic vinyl

compound/diene copolymer and process for its production

INVENTOR(S): Arai, Toru, Tokyo, JAPAN Otsu, Toshiaki, Tokyo, JAPAN

Nakajima, Masataka, Tokyo, JAPAN

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Denki Kagaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha, Chiyoda-ku, JAPAN

(non-U.S. corporation)

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LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: OBLON SPIVAK MCCLELLAND MAIER & NEUSTADT PC, FOURTH FLOOR, 1755 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY, ARLINGTON, VA,

22202

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 23 EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 10 Drawing Page(s)

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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

A highly uniform vinyl compound polymer-cross-copolymerized olefin/styrene/diene copolymer excellent in processability, mechanical properties, high temperature properties, compatibility and transparency, and its composition and a process for its production, are provided. This copolymer is a crossed polymer obtained by cross-copolymerizing an olefin/styrene/diene copolymer having a styrene content of from 0.03 mol % to 96 mol %, a diene content of from 0.0001 mol % to 3 mol % and the

rest being an olefin, with an olefin/aromatic vinyl compound copolymer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L4 ANSWER 8 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:250975 USPATFULL

TITLE: Elastic films made from alpha-olefin/vinyl aromatic

and/or aliphatic or cycloaliphatic vinyl or vinylidene

INVENTOR(S): Cheung, Yunwa W., Lake Jackson, TX, UNITED STATES

Guest, Martin J., Lake Jackson, TX, UNITED STATES Van Volkenburgh, William R., Lake Jackson, TX, UNITED

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NUMBER KIND DATE

PATENT INFORMATION: US 2002136916 A1 20020926

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RELATED APPLN. INFO.: Continuation of Ser. No. US 1999-317390, filed on 24

May 1999, GRANTED, Pat. No. US 6376095

NUMBER DATE

PRIORITY INFORMATION: US 1998-88974P 19980611 (60)

DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility
FILE SEGMENT: APPLICATION

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

SECTION, 2301 N BRAZOSPORT BLVD, FREEPORT, TX,

77541-3257

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 26 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 30 LINE COUNT: 2325

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB The present invention pertains to elastic films having at least one

layer comprising a substantially random

interpolymer or a blend thereof. The interpolymer comprises polymer units derived from at least C.sub.2-20 α -olefin and (i) at least one vinyl aromatic monomer, or (ii) at least one aliphatic or cycloaliphatic vinyl or vinylidene monomer, or (iii) a combination of at least one aromatic vinyl monomer and at least one aliphatic or cycloaliphatic vinyl or vinylidene monomer. The interpolymer may also comprise one or more ethylenically unsaturated polymerizable monomers other than those previously mentioned. The elastic films have a recovery in the cross direction of greater than or equal to about 80% and has a recovery in the machine direction of greater than or equal to about 60%.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L4 ANSWER 9 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:152745 USPATFULL

TITLE: Ethylene/aromatic vinyl copolymer and molded product

thereof

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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

An ethylene-aromatic vinyl compound copolymer characterized by satisfying the following conditions:

- (1) the aromatic vinyl compound content is from 0.5 mol % to 10 mol %;
- (2) as measured with respect to a molded product having a thickness of 0.2 mm, the haze is at most 14%, or the total light transmittance is at least 90%;
- (3) an ethylene-aromatic vinyl compound copolymer characterized in that the relation of the aromatic vinyl compound content and the glass transition point (Tg) obtained by an inflection point method as observed at a temperature of at least -50° C. by a differential scanning calorimeter (DSC), satisfies the following formula (1):

-20+1.00St>Tg>-30+1.05St Formula (1)

wherein St represents the aromatic vinyl compound content (molar fraction %) in the copolymer; and

(4) the weight average molecular weight is from 140,000 to 500,000 when the aromatic vinyl compound content is from 5 mol % to 10 mol %, or from 60,000 to 500,000 when the content is from 0.5 mol % to less than 5 mol 읗.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 10 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:119993 USPATFULL

TITLE: Compositions comprising hydrogenated block copolymers

and end-use applications thereof

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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

Flexible hydrogenated block copolymers can be successfully used in a variety of applications including films, profiles, sheets, coatings, injection molded articles, blow or rotational molded articles and

pultruded articles.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 11 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:88131 USPATFULL

Elastic films made from alpha-olefin/vinyl aromatic TITLE:

and/or aliphatic or cycloaliphatic vinyl or vinylidene

interpolymers

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 21 EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 0 Drawing Figure(s); 0 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 2318

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

The present invention pertains to elastic films having at least one layer comprising a substantially random

interpolymer or a blend thereof. The interpolymer comprises polymer units derived from at least C.sub.2-20 α-olefin and (i) at least one vinyl aromatic monomer, or (ii) at least one aliphatic or cycloaliphatic vinyl or vinylidene monomer, or (iii) a combination of at least one aromatic vinyl monomer and at least one aliphatic or cycloaliphatic vinyl or vinylidene monomer. The interpolymer may also comprise one or more ethylenically unsaturated polymerizable monomers other than those previously mentioned. The elastic films have a recovery in the cross direction of greater than or equal to about 80% and has a

recovery in the machine direction of greater than or equal to about 60%.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L4 ANSWER 12 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:128891 USPATFULL

TITLE: Film and stretch packaging film

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 13 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 2 Drawing Page(s)

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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB A film containing at least 5 wt % of an aromatic vinyl compound-α-olefin random copolymer having an aromatic vinyl

compound content of from 1 to less than 99.9% by molar fraction and having head-to-tail chain structures comprising at least two aromatic

vinyl compound units.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L4 ANSWER 13 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:93616 USPATFULL

TITLE: Film and stretch packaging film

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 16 EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 2 Drawing Figure(s); 2 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 1239

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

A film containing at least 5 wt % of an aromatic vinyl

compound- α -olefin random copolymer having an aromatic vinyl

compound content of from 1 to less than 99.9% by molar fraction and having head-to-tail chain structure comprising at least two aromatic

vinyl compound units.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 14 OF 16 USPAT2 on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER:

2004:190907 USPAT2

TITLE:

Cross-copolymerized olefin/aromatic vinyl

compound/diene copolymer and process for its production

INVENTOR(S):

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS:

EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 12 Drawing Figure(s); 10 Drawing Page(s)

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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

A highly uniform vinyl compound polymer-cross-copolymerized olefin/styrene/diene copolymer excellent in processability, mechanical properties, high temperature properties, compatibility and transparency, and its composition and a process for its production, are provided. This copolymer is a crossed polymer obtained by cross-copolymerizing an olefin/styrene/diene copolymer having a styrene content of from 0.03 mol % to 96 mol %, a diene content of from 0.0001 mol % to 3 mol % and the rest being an olefin, with an olefin/aromatic vinyl compound copolymer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 15 OF 16 USPAT2 on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER:

2002:288259 USPAT2

TITLE:

Cross-copolymerized olefin/aromatic vinyl

compound/diene copolymer and process for its production

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25 NUMBER OF CLAIMS: EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 0 Drawing Figure(s); 10 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 2494

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

A highly uniform vinyl compound polymer-cross-copolymerized

olefin/styrene/diene copolymer excellent in processability, mechanical properties, high temperature properties, compatibility and transparency, and its composition and a process for its production, are provided. This copolymer is a crossed polymer obtained by cross-copolymerizing an olefin/styrene/diene copolymer having a styrene content of from 0.03 mol % to 96 mol %, a diene content of from 0.0001 mol % to 3 mol % and the rest being an olefin, with an olefin/aromatic vinyl compound copolymer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 16 OF 16 USPAT2 on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2001:128891 USPAT2

TITLE: Film and stretch packaging film

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility FILE SEGMENT: GRANTED PRIMARY EXAMINER: Wu, David W. ASSISTANT EXAMINER: Harlan, R.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, P.C.

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 24 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 2 Drawing Figure(s); 2 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 1211

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB A film containing at least 5 wt % of an aromatic vinyl compound- α -olefin random copolymer having an aromatic vinyl compound content of from 1 to less than 99.9% by molar fraction and having head-to-tail chain structures comprising at least two aromatic vinyl compound units.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

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L4 ANSWER 9 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN

JP-A-3-163088 and JP-A-7-53618 disclose a styrene-ethylene copolymer SUMM wherein no normal styrene chain exists, i.e. a pseudo random copolymer, which is obtainable by using a complex having a so-called constrained geometrical structure. Here, a normal St chain means a chain of head-to-tail bonding. Further, in the following, styrene may sometimes be represented by St. The pseudo random copolymer is defined to be a copolymer in which no head-to-tail styrene chain structure is contained, and phenyl groups in the alternating structure of styrene-ethylene present in this pseudo random copolymer, have no stereoregularity. Further, as no normal styrene chain exists, the content of styrene can not exceeds 50 mol %. Such a pseudo random copolymer is not sufficiently satisfactory with respect to the mechanical properties such as breaking strength or solvent resistance.

- SUMM JP-A-6-49132 and Polymer Preprints, Japan, 42, 2292 (1993) disclose a method for producing a similar styrene-ethylene copolymer wherein no normal St chain exists, i.e. a so-called **pseudo random** copolymer, by means of a catalyst comprising a cross-linked metallocene type Zr complex and a co-catalyst.
- SUMM According to Polymer Preprints, Japan, vol. 42, 2292 (1993), phenyl groups in the alternating structure of styrene-ethylene present in this pseudo random copolymer, have no substantial stereoregularity. Further, like the case of a complex having a constrained geometrical structure, as no normal styrene chain exists, the content of styrene can not exceed 50 mol %. The activity is also practically inadequate.
- SUMM A film is known which employs a so-called pseudo random ethylene-styrene copolymer having no head-to-tail styrene chain and no stereoregularity derived from styrene units. For example, U.S. Pat. No. 5,703,187 discloses a pseudo random copolymer having a styrene content of from 1.4 to 47 mol % obtained by using a so-called CGCT type catalyst, and a film employing it. JP-A-3-163088 and JP-7-53618 disclose pseudo random copolymers obtainable by means of a so-called CGCT type catalyst and films employing them. WO95/32095 discloses a (multi layer) shrinkable film employing a pseudo random copolymer obtainable by means of a similar CGCT type catalyst.
- SUMM JP-A-10-60051 discloses an ethylene-styrene copolymer obtainable by means of a similar CGCT type catalyst, which is excellent in flexibility

and elastic recovery and excellent in transparency and which has a styrene content of particularly preferably from 14 to 30 mol %. However, when the copolymer having a styrene content which is disclosed to be particularly preferred, is employed as a stretch film, the mechanical properties (particularly tensile strength, elastic modulus), the film-forming property and the packaging machine compatibility are not satisfactory, and the elastic modulus in the prescribed styrene content range is too low (the flexibility is too high) as a stretch film. Further, the prescribed glass transition temperature is too low especially in a range where the styrene content is at most 10 mol %. Therefore, it is inadequate with respect to the molding processability as a packaging film, particularly as a stretch packaging film, the softness when it is touched with a hand, and the touched feeling.

SUMM Stretch Packaging Film

- SUMM For stretch packaging, a polyvinyl chloride type film is mainly employed, and an olefin type film made of low density polyethylene, an ethylene-vinyl acetate copolymer, linear low density polyethylene or polypropylene, is partly employed.
- SUMM Further, a problem has been pointed out such that when an automatic stretch packaging machine for conventional vinyl chloride type stretching films, is to be used, such a non-vinyl chloride type stretch film using a material having a relatively low initial elastic modulus, is likely to stretch, whereby transportation or cutting tends to be difficult.
- SUMM From the foregoing, it is desired to develop a base material of a non-vinyl chloride type, which has specific mechanical properties such as an initial elastic modulus, elastic recovery, high transparency and proper temperature-dynamic property simultaneously and which is inexpensive, and a film, particularly a stretch packaging film, employing it.
- SUMM It is an object of the present invention to overcome such drawbacks of the prior art and to provide a styrene-ethylene copolymer having a specific composition, a high molecular weight, high transparency and a glass transition point represented by a specific formula and further having a stereoregularity and a head-to-tail styrene chain structure, and a molded product made thereof. Further, the present invention is to solve the above problems and to provide a film, sheet or tube, particularly a film excellent in a packaging property and touch feeling, especially a stretch packaging film, which has a specific composition, excellent mechanical properties and high transparency and which has an elastic recovery property (finger pressure regaining property), low temperature characteristics and processability. A further object of the present invention is to provide an ethylene type copolymer having a specific composition, a high melting point (heat resistance) and high transparency, and an excellent mechanical property such as a high modulus of elasticity, and a molded product, particularly a film or a sheet, prepared by molding it.
- SUMM Further, the present inventors have conducted extensive studies to overcome the drawbacks of conventional molded products as described above, particularly transparent films, sheets, tubes, various packaging films, particularly stretch packaging films, or a transparent soft vinyl chloride resin, and as a result, have surprisingly found that an ethylene-aromatic vinyl compound copolymer having a specific composition, obtained by a specific polymerization catalyst, satisfies high transparency, mechanical properties, elastic recovery, cold resistance, touch feeling, processability and transparency all together. Further, it has been found that the ethylene

type copolymer of the present invention is useful as a novel transparent resin, or in the form of a **stretch packaging** film, or further as a soft transparent resin to be substituted for a conventional transparent soft vinyl chloride resin or an olefin type elastomer, and the present invention has been accomplished.

- SUMM The copolymer having a higher glass transition point, as represented by this formula, shows a relatively high glass transition point, whereby the flexibility of the molded product or film tends to decrease at a low temperature such as a cold area temperature or a refrigerating temperature. Further, if the glass transition point is lower than the value represented by this formula, when a molded product or film, particularly a stretch packaging film, is to be used at a temperature around room temperature, the tan δ value (loss tangent) by a dynamic viscoelasticity measurement tends to be too low, thus leading to a drawback such that the touch feeling as a film or the appearance or touch feeling of the film packaged product tends to be poor. Further, when film packaging is carried out by an automatic packaging machine or the like, return against elongation is so quick that a phenomenon is likely to take place such that folding of the film at the bottom of the tray tends to be impaired, or the cutting property tends to deteriorate.
- On the other hand, with a so-called pseudo random copolymer which has been known heretofore, a head-to-tail chain structure of styrene can not be found even when the styrene content is at the maximum of about 50 mol %. Further, even if homopolymerization of styrene is attempted by means of a catalyst for producing a pseudo random copolymer, no polymer will be obtained. Although there may be a case where a very small amount of an atactic styrene homopolymer is obtainable depending upon e.g. the polymerization conditions, this should be understood to have been formed by cation polymerization or radical polymerization by co-existing methyl almoxane or an alkyl aluminum contained therein.
- SUMM It is known that peaks of methylene carbon of a structure attributable to an inversion bond of styrene in a conventional pseudo random copolymer having no stereoregularity, are observed in two regions of from 34.0 to 34.5 ppm and from 34.5 to 35.2 ppm (e.g. Polymer Preprints, Japan, 42, 2292 (1993)).
- Namely, it is useful as a molded product of a novel transparent resin, such as a film, sheet, tube or package, especially as a **stretch packaging** film, and further as a soft transparent resin to be substituted for conventional transparent soft vinyl chloride resin or an olefinic elastomer, in order to satisfy high transparency, mechanical properties (breaking strength, tensile modulus of elasticity), elastic recovery, hardness, cold resistance, touch feeling, processability and transparency simultaneously.
- The relation of the initial modulus of elasticity (tensile modulus of elasticity) and the styrene content (mol %) of the ethylene-styrene copolymer to be used in the present invention, is from 25 MPa to 70 MPa at a content of at least 3 and less than 10%, from 30 MPa to 70 MPa at a content of at least 5 and less than 15%, and from 30 MPa to 70 MPa at a particularly preferred content of at least 5 to less than 10%, such being suitable for a film, particularly for a stretch packaging film. The characteristics and physical properties as a film, depend largely on the initial tensile modulus of elasticity (hereinafter referred to simply as the initial modulus) of the polymer to be used.
- SUMM In the present invention, the initial tensile modulus of elasticity represents the modulus of elasticity at an elongation of 0% on a

stress-strain curve by a tensile test, and represents a Young's modulus in a low strain region (a linear elasticity region) in accordance with the Hooke's law on the stress-strain curve by the tensile test. A specific measuring method is disclosed, for example, in JIS K7113. For example, a film employing a polymer having an initial modulus of lower than 25 MPa, is elastic and easily be elongated, or has little tension against stress, whereby it has problems from the viewpoint of working efficiency such that it gives an unreliable impression when used for stretch packaging, and its cutting property is so poor that it is not suitable for an automatic packaging machine.

- On the other hand, in the case of a film obtainable from a polymer having a initial modulus exceeding 70 MPa, such as a LLDPE film or a multilayer film containing it, it is hardly stretched, and when used for stretch packaging, an excess stress will be exerted to the packaged product, whereby the packaged product is likely to be deformed, crushed or wrinkled, such being undesirable. Therefore, when a film is employed for stretch packaging, the initial modulus of the polymer to be used is preferably within a certain predetermined range. Although it depends also on the particular application, a proper range of the initial modulus of the polymer to be used, is from 25 MPa to 70 MPa, preferably from 30 MPa to 70 MPa, particularly preferably from 30 MPa to 60 MPa, at 23° C.
- In general, the initial modulus of a film will be improved by a SUMM stretching operation. Accordingly, in order to measure the initial modulus of the material itself, it is necessary to carry out the measurement of the initial modulus with respect to a film in a substantially non-stretched state, obtainable by press molding or extrusion molding involving no stretching. Especially when the film of the present invention is employed as a stretch packaging film, it is necessary to employ a polymer having, in addition to the above initial modulus, a proper elastic recovery from elongation i.e. a low elongation set. A film employing a material having a low elastic recovery such as a linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE), has problems such that the tension of the packaging film lowers and sagging will result due to e.g. a stress exerted during the storage or display of the packaged commercial product, or impressions due to finger pressing during the display, will remain to impair the outer appearance (finger pressure recovery being low).
- SUMM The ethylene-styrene copolymer of the present invention wherein the styrene content is at least 3 and at most 10%, preferably at least 5 and less than 10%, by molar fraction, exhibits a high elastic recovery of at least 70%, particularly at least 75% and thus can be suitably used for a stretch packaging film.
- SUMM In the case of a copolymer having a glass transition point higher than the one shown by this formula, the glass transition point is relatively high, whereby the film tends to be too hard at a low temperature such as a chilled storage temperature (5° C.) or a refrigerating temperature. Further, if the glass transition point is lower than the value represented by this formula, when the film, particularly the stretch packaging film, is used at about room temperature, the tan δ -value (loss tangent) by the measurement of the dynamic viscoelasticity tends to be too low, thus leading to a drawback that the touch as a film, the outer appearance of the film packaged product and the feel are poor. Further, when it is used for packaging by an automatic packaging machine or the like, the return against elongation is so quick that, for example, the holding back of the film at the bottom of the tray tends to be impaired, or the cutting property tends to deteriorate. Here, the glass transition point is a glass transition point obtainable by an inflection point method by the DSC measurement.

- SUMM It is apparent that high transparency is required for a transparent film or a transparent stretch packaging film. If the transparency is low, it tends to be difficult to ascertain the content of the packaged product, whereby the convenience and the appearance will be impaired. The film made of the copolymer of the present invention may have a haze of at most 1.5% in a thickness of from 3 µm to 100 µm.
- SUMM The molded product of the present invention, particularly the film or the stretch packaging film, may be subjected to surface treatment such as corona, ozone or plasma treatment, coating of an anti-fogging agent, coating of a lubricant, printing or the like.
- SUMM Among molded products of the present invention, the film or the stretch packaging film, can be prepared as a stretched film subjected to monoaxial or biaxial stretching orientation, as the case requires.
- SUMM Films or stretch packaging films of the present invention may be bonded to one another or to materials of other thermoplastic resins, by fusion by means of heat, ultrasonic or high frequency waves or by a technique such as bonding by means of e.g. a solvent.
- SUMM Further, when it is used as a **stretch packaging** film for foods, packaging can be suitably conducted by an automatic packaging machine or by a manual packaging machine.
- SUMM For the production of a transparent film or a **stretch**packaging film of the present invention, a usual extrusion film
 forming method such as an inflation system or a T-die system, may be
 employed.
- SUMM The thickness of the film or the stretch packaging film of the present invention is not particularly limited, but it is usually from 3 μ m to 1 mm, preferably from 10 μ m to 0.5 mm. To use it as a stretch packaging film for foods, the thickness is preferably from 5 to 100 μ m, more preferably from 10 to 50 μ m.
- SUMM For the purpose of improving the physical properties, the film or the stretch packaging film of the present invention may be laminated with a film of e.g. isotactic or syndiotactic polypropylene, high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene (LDPE or LLDPE), polystyrene or polyethylene terephthalate.
- SUMM Further, the film or the stretch packaging film of the present invention has self-tackiness, since the contained ethylene-styrene copolymer itself has self-tackiness or adhesiveness to some extent. In a case where a stronger self-tackiness is required, it may be laminated with other film having self-tackiness to obtain a multilayered film.
- Further, when a stretch packaging film having a non-tacky surface and a tacky surface on the front and rear sides, is desired, other non-tacky surface may be made of an ethylene-styrene copolymer having a higher ethylene content or a linear low density polyethylene having a density of at least 0.916 g/cm.sup.3 in a thickness of from 5 to 30% of the total thickness, the interlayer may be made of the ethylene-styrene copolymer to be used in the present invention, and the tacky layer may be made of one having from 2 to 10 wt % of liquid polyisobutylene, liquid polybutadiene or the like incorporated to the ethylene-styrene copolymer to be used in the present invention, one having from 2 to 10 wt % of liquid polyisobutylene,

liquid polybutadiene or the like incorporated to a linear low density polyethylene having a density of at least 0.916 g/cm.sup.3, or an ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer, in a thickness of from 5 to 30% of the total thickness, to obtain a multilayer film. Otherwise, it is also possible to incorporate a suitable tackifier in a suitable amount.

- SUMM Specific applications of the film of the present invention are not particularly limited, but it is useful as a general packaging material or a container and can be used for e.g. a packaging film, a bag or a pouch. Especially, it can suitably be used as a stretch packaging film or a pallet stretching film for food packaging.
- DETD Using a **stretch packaging** film obtained by film forming, the packaging machine aptitude was evaluated by means of an automatic packaging machine.
- DETD A content was wrapped with a stretch packaging film obtained by film forming and stored at 5° C. for 24 hours, whereupon the tensional state of the packaging film as its appearance, the presence or absence of formation of wrinkles, sagging or the like and the recovery after pressing the film for from 5 to 10 mm with a finger, were evaluated as a whole. One which is susceptible to wrinkles, sagging or the like when touched with a hand and which shows low recovery after pressed with a finger, was designated by X.

 CLM What is claimed is:
- 14. A **stretch packaging** film characterized in that it is made of the film as defined in claim 8.
 - 15. The **stretch packaging** film according to claim 14, which is for food packaging.

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- L4 ANSWER 1 OF 16 USPATFULL on STN
- SUMM [0007] JP-A-3-163088 and JP-A-7-53618 disclose ethylene/styrene copolymers having a styrene content of at most 50 mol % and containing no normal (i.e. head-to-tail) styrene chain, so-called pseudo-random copolymers, obtainable by means of a complex having a so-called constrained geometric structure.
- SUMM [0008] JP-A-6-49132 and Polymer Preprints, Japan, 42, 2292 (1993) disclose processes for producing similar ethylene/styrene copolymers having an aromatic vinyl compound content of at most 50 mol % and containing no normal aromatic vinyl compound chain, i.e. pseudo -random copolymers, by means of a catalyst comprising a crosslinked metallocene type Zr complex and a cocatalyst. These copolymers have no stereoregularity derived from aromatic vinyl compound units.
- DETD [0144] On the other hand, with conventional so-called pseudorandom copolymers, no styrene head-to-tail chain
 structure is observed even when the styrene content is in the vicinity
 of the maximum of 50 mol %. Further, even if homopolymerization of
 styrene is attempted by means of a catalyst for the preparation of a
 pseudo-random copolymer, no polymer can be
 obtained. Depending upon the polymerization conditions, etc., a very
 small amount of atactic styrene homopolymer may sometimes be obtainable,
 but this should be understood to have been formed by cation
 polymerization or radical polymerization due to methylalumoxane which is
 coexists or due to an alkylaluminum included therein.
- DETD [0212] In a case where the cross-copolymer of the present invention is used as a film or a stretch packaging film, the thickness is not particularly limited, but it is usually from 3 μ m to

1 mm, preferably from 10 μm to 0.5 mm. To use it as a **stretch packaging** film for foods, the thickness is preferably from 5 to 100 μm , more preferably from 10 to 50 μm .

DETD [0213] For the production of a transparent film or a stretch packaging film made of the cross-copolymer of the present invention, a common extrusion film-forming method such as an inflation system or a T-die system, may be employed. For the purpose of improving the physical properties, the film or the stretch packaging film of the present invention may be laminated with other suitable film, for example, a film of e.g. isotactic or syndiotactic polypropylene, high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene (LDPE or LLDPE), polystyrene, polyethylene terephthalate or an ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer (EVA).

DETD [0214] Further, the film or the stretch packaging film of the present invention may have self-tackiness or an adhesive property by suitably selecting the composition of the main chain or the cross chain. However, if a stronger self-tackiness is required, it may be laminated with other film having self-tackiness to obtain a multi-layered film.

DETD [0215] Further, when a stretch packaging film having a non-tacky surface and a tacky surface on the front and rear sides, is desired, the non-tacky surface may be made of an ethylene/styrene copolymer having a higher ethylene content or a linear low density polyethylene having a density of at least 0.916 g/cm.sup.3 in a thickness of from 5 to 30% of the total thickness, the interlayer may be made of the ethylene/styrene copolymer to be used in the present invention, and the tacky layer may be made of one having from 2 to 10 weight % of liquid polyisobutylene, liquid polybutadiene or the like incorporated to the ethylene/styrene copolymer to be used in the present invention, one having from 2 to 10 weight % of liquid polyisobutylene, liquid polybutadiene or the like incorporated to a linear low density polyethylene having a density of at least 0.916 g/cm.sup.3, or an ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer, in a thickness of from 5 to 30% of the total thickness, to obtain a multilayer film. Otherwise, it is also possible to incorporate a suitable tackifier in a suitable amount.

DETD [0216] Specific applications of the film of the present invention are not particularly limited, but it is useful as a general packaging material or a container and can be used for e.g. a packaging film, a bag or a pouch. Especially, it can suitably be used as a stretch packaging film or a pallet stretching film for food packaging.

DETD [0217] To the molded product, particularly the film or the stretch packaging film, of the present invention, surface treatment with e.g. corona, ozone or plasma, coating with an anti-fogging agent, coating with a lubricant or printing, may be applied, as the case requires.

DETD [0218] Among molded products of the present invention, the film or the stretch packaging film may be prepared as a monoaxially or biaxially stretched film, as the case requires.

DETD [0219] The film or the **stretch packaging** film of the present invention may be bonded to the film itself or to a material such as other thermoplastic resin by fusion by means of e.g. heat, supersonic waves, microwave or by bonding by means of e.g. a solvent.

DETD [0220] Further, when used as a **stretch packaging** film for foods, it can be suitably packaged by an automatic packaging machine or a manual packaging machine.

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SUMM [0006] JP-A-3-163088 and JP-A-7-53618 disclose ethylene/styrene copolymers having a styrene content of at most 50 mol % and containing regular (i.e. head-to-tail) styrene chain, so-called pseudo-random copolymers, obtainable by means of a complex

having a so-called constrained geometric structure.

- SUMM [0007] JP-A-6-49132 and Polymer Preprints, Japan, 42, 2292 (1993) disclose processes for producing similar ethylene/styrene copolymers having an aromatic vinyl compound content of at most 50 mol % and containing regular aromatic vinyl compound chain, so-called pseudo-random copolymers, by means of a catalyst comprising a bridged metallocene type Zr complex and a cocatalyst. These copolymers have no stereoregularity derived from aromatic vinyl compound units.
- DETD [0127] In a case where the copolymer of the present invention is used as a film or a stretch packaging film, the thickness is not particularly limited, but it is usually from 3 μ m to 1 mm, preferably from 10 μ m to 0.5 mm. To suitably use it as a stretch packaging film for foods, the thickness is preferably from 5 to 100 μ m, more preferably from 10 to 50 μ m.
- DETD [0128] For the production of a transparent film or a stretch packaging film made of the copolymer of the present invention, a common extrusion film-forming method such as an inflation system or a T-die system, may be employed. For the purpose of improving the physical properties, the film or the stretch packaging film of the present invention may be laminated with other suitable film, for example, a film of e.g. isotactic or syndiotactic polypropylene, high density polyethylene, low density polyethylene (LDPE or LLDPE), polystyrene, polyethylene terephthalate or an ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer (EVA).
- DETD [0129] Further, the film or the stretch packaging film of the present invention may have self-tackiness or an adhesive property. However, if a stronger self-tackiness is required, it may be laminated with other film having self-tackiness to obtain a multi-layered film.
- DETD [0130] Specific applications of the film of the present invention are not particularly limited, but it is useful as a general packaging material or a container and can be used for e.g. a packaging film, a bag or a pouch. Especially, it can suitably be used as a **stretch packaging** film or a pallet stretching film for food packaging.
- DETD [0131] To the molded product, particularly the film or the stretch packaging film, of the present invention, surface treatment with e.g. corona, ozone or plasma, coating with an anti-fogging agent, coating with a lubricant or printing, may be applied, as the case requires.
- DETD [0132] Among molded products of the present invention, the film or the stretch packaging film may be prepared as a monoaxially or biaxially stretched film, as the case requires.
- DETD [0133] The film or the **stretch packaging** film of the present invention may be bonded to the film itself or to a material such as other thermoplastic resin by fusion by means of e.g. heat, supersonic waves, high frequency wave or by bonding by means of e.g. a solvent.
- DETD [0134] Further, when used as a **stretch packaging** film for foods, it can be suitably packaged by an automatic packaging machine or a manual packaging machine.

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ANSWER 1 OF 4 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:63567 USPATFULL

TITLE: Film for fastening cargo during

transportation and method for fastening

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 14 EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

LINE COUNT:

A film and method for fastening cargo during transportation wherein the film has a percentage

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strain change 100 hours after applying a load of 3.5 MPa at a temperature of 23° C. of not more than 2.0%, and a

percentage strain change 100 hours after applying a load of 0.5 MPa at a temperature of 55° C. of not more than 2.5%. Moreover, it is preferable for the elastic modulus at a temperature of 23° C. to be not more than 60 MPa, and the elastic modulus at a temperature of 55° C. to be not more than 20 MPa. Such a film can be formed from substantially random interpolymer(s) each comprising 1 to 99 mol % of polymer units derived from an aromatic vinyl or vinylidene monomer and/or a hindered aliphatic or cycloaliphatic vinyl or vinylidene monomer, and 1 to 99 mol % of polymer units derived from at least one α -olefin having 2 to 20 carbon atoms. The above film has

a low percentage strain change compared with

films made of EVA or a urethane resin, and hence the ability to hold/fasten products during transportation is excellent, and thus the products can be prevented from being damaged.

ANSWER 2 OF 4 USPATFULL on STN L7

ACCESSION NUMBER: 90:68566 USPATFULL

TITLE: High tensile wrapping apparatus

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A film web is dispensed from a film web dispenser and wrapped around a AB bundle by moving the bundle into an applicator mandrel, revolving the film web dispenser relative to the applicator mandrel, dispensing the film web from the film web dispenser on to the applicator mandrel at a constant supply speed. The film web, wrapped around the applicator mandrel, is transported beyond the downstream end of the applicator mandrel, the bundle is moved beyond the downstream end of the applicator mandrel and the film web is applied from the applicator mandrel onto the bundle so as provide a containment force in the film web after it is applied onto the bundle. A dual stage wrapping system is used in such a manner that each orbiting dispenser is restrained to dispense the film web at a constant supply speed less than the lowest film demand speed at the applicator mandrel and independent of the tension on the film web between the film web dispenser and the applicator mandrel. The applicator mandrel is positioned to resist crushing or disalignment of the bundle or subunits of the bundle within the applicator mandrel and also modifies its position to modify the wrapping cross-section of the bundle so that the web strain elongation varies substantially within a linear wrap force range above the yield point of the stress strain characteristics of the film web between the film web dispenser and the applicator mandrel.

ANSWER 3 OF 4 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 89:77478 USPATFULL

High tensile wrapping process TITLE:

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 26 Drawing Figure(s); 9 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 1718

AB A film web is dispensed from a film web dispenser and wrapped around a bundle by moving the bundle into an applicator mandrel, revolving the film web dispenser relative to the applicator mandrel, dispensing the film web from the film web dispenser on to the applicator mandrel at a constant supply speed. The film web, wrapped around the applicator mandrel, is transported beyond the downstream end of the applicator mandrel, the bundle is moved beyond the downstream end of the applicator mandrel and the film web is applied from the applicator mandrel onto the bundle so as provide a containment force in the film web after it is applied onto the bundle. A dual stage wrapping system is used in such a manner that each orbinting dispenser is restrained to dispense the film web at a constant supply speed less than the lowest film demand speed at the applicator mandrel and independent of the tension on the film web between the film web dispenser and the applicator mandrel. The applicator mandrel is positioned to resist crushing or disalignment of the bundle or subunits of the bundle within the applicator mandrel and also modified its position to modify the wrapping cross-section of the bundle so that the web strain elongation varies substantially within a linear wrap force range above the yield point of the stress strain characteristics of the film web between the film web dispenser and the applicator mandrel.

ANSWER 4 OF 4 USPAT2 on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:63567 USPAT2

TITLE: FILM FOR FASTENING CARGO DURING

TRANSPORTATION AND METHOD FOR FASTENING

CARGO USING THE SAME

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

LINE COUNT: 616 AB A film and method for fastening cargo during transportation wherein the film has a percentage strain change 100 hours after applying a load of 3.5 MPa at a temperature of 23° C. of not more than 2.0%, and a percentage strain change 100 hours after applying a load of 0.5 MPa at a temperature of 55° C. of not more than 2.5%. Moreover, it is preferable for the elastic modulus at a temperature of 23° C. to be not more than 60 MPa, and the elastic modulus at a temperature of 55° C. to be not more than 20 MPa. Such a film can be formed from substantially random interpolymer(s) each comprising 1 to 99 mol % of polymer units derived from an aromatic vinyl or vinylidene monomer and/or a hindered aliphatic or cycloaliphatic vinyl or vinylidene monomer, and 1 to 99 mol % of polymer units derived from at least one α -olefin having 2 to 20 carbon atoms. The above film has a low percentage strain change compared with films made of EVA or a urethane resin, and hence the ability to hold/fasten products during transportation is excellent, and thus the products can be prevented from being damaged.

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L7 ANSWER 2 OF 4 USPATFULL on STN

SUMM As shown in FIG. 8, film webs exhibit a stress-strain curve having a steep initial linear portion 140E where elastic behavior is present and a gradual second linear portion 140P where plastic behavior is present. In between these two linear ranges is an intermediate range or region on the stress-strain curve commonly known as the yield point 141. It is in the range of this yield point that the stress-strain behavior of the film web changes between substantially elastic to plastic. Film webs stretched above yield point gain significantly in modulus and ultimate strength. For instance, a low density polyethylene film web will increase its ultimate strength in pounds per square inch of cross-sectional area by 300% after being elongated approximately 300%. Therefore, current stretch wrapping operations use prestretch subsystems in the film web dispenser as a matter of course.

DETD To perform the process of the present invention without prestretching the film web, upstream roller 72 is allowed to freewheel by removing chain 77 or otherwise decoupling gears 76 and 78 in any well-known conventional manner. Alternatively, roller 72 could be removed. This results in a different stress-strain relation on the film web between the downstream roller 74 an application mandrel 180. In accordance with the present invention, if the film web is stretched only between downstream roller 74 and applicator mandrel 180 its stress-strain relationship is shown in FIG. 15 as curve 273. This curve exhibits a broad yield point region 272 followed by a broad linear wrap force range 271 during which plastic deformation occurs in the film web. This linear wrap force range is broader than the linear wrap force range 277 for pre-stretched film.

CLM What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for stretch wrapping a bundle with a film web dispensed from a film web dispenser comprising: a film web dispenser for dispensing a film web; means for maintaining a substantially constant supply speed of the film web at the film web dispenser by preventing the supply speed of the film web at the film web dispenser from increasing and preventing the supply speed of the film web at the film web dispenser from decreasing; an applicator mandrel having a noncircular cross-section; means for revolving the film web dispenser relative to the applicator mandrel to wrap the film web onto the applicator mandrel; means for transferring the film web from the applicator mandrel onto the bundle so as to provide a containment force in the film web

after it is applied onto the bundle.

4. An apparatus for stretch wrapping a bundle with film webs dispensed from film web dispensers comprising: a first film web dispenser for dispensing a first film web and a second film web dispenser for dispensing a second film web; means for maintaining a substantially constant supply speed of the film webs at the film web dispensers by preventing the supply speed of the film webs at the film web dispensers from increasing and preventing the supply speed of the film webs at the film web dispensers from decreasing; an applicator mandrel having a noncircular cross-section; means for revolving the first film web dispenser relative to the applicator mandrel in a first circular direction and for revolving the second film web dispenser relative to the applicator mandrel in a second circular direction opposite the first circular direction to wrap the first and second film webs onto the applicator mandrel; means for moving a bundle through the applicator mandrel; means for transferring the film webs from the applicator mandrel onto the bundle so as to provide a containment force in the film webs after they are applied onto the bundle.

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